

REMARKS

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action

5 The drawings are objected to because a feature in Figure 1 has not been explained by the specification. Specifically, on the left side of Figure 1, there appears to be a layer peeled away from the insulation layer.

The layer in question is a protective layer that is placed over the side walls to protect an adhesive positioned thereon. However, that element was deemed overly limiting and was removed from the specification. While still shown in Figure 1, it may be inappropriate to add its description to the specification. For that reason it is believed that it would proper to retain the specification in its present form. However, the applicant would appreciate any direction or suggestion by the Examiner on this matter.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

15 **Paragraph 2 of the Office Action**

The Examiner has objected to the figures for a lack of numbering. The applicant is confused as to what numbering is being required by the Examiner as each of the Figures has been given a number. For this reason, the applicant requests a clarification by the Examiner on this matter.

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Paragraph 6 of the Office Action

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 6 states that the door covering and insulator device further includes a pair of end walls that are "pivotally coupled" to one of the lower edges; however, pivotally coupled end walls have not been disclosed in the specification.

Claim 6 has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

Paragraphs 7-15 and 17 of the Office Action

30 Claims 1, 2, and 4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Carrol. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Carroll.

Claims 5-9 are drawn to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including limitations of the independent claim from which it depends and any intervening claims.

Claims 2, 4 and 5 have been cancelled.

5 Claim 1 has been amended to include as filed claims 4 and 5 and is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Remaining dependent claims 3 and 6-9, by virtue of their dependence on claim 1, incorporate the limitations of claim 1, and are therefore also believed to be in condition for allowance.

The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

10 **Paragraph 16 of the Office Action**

Claim 10 is allowed.

New Claims

15 New claim 11 has been added to vary the scope of the claims. Claim 11 includes the limitations of as-filed claims 1 and 7 and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 11 further includes the limitation of a stiffened flap which is fully supported in the specification.

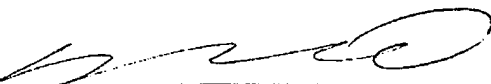
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CONCLUSION

10 In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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